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Andrew Jackson to Peter Early, October 10, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO PETER EARLY.1

1 Governor of Georgia.

Headquarters Camp Blount 30 miles north of Huntsville, October 10, 1813.

Sir: I have the Honor herewith to forward you a letter from his Excellency Governor Blount, which will advise you that myself with major Genl Cocke, are ordered to take the field, with each a Detachment of 2500 men, to act against the hostile creeks. My advance is now on the frontier of Madison County, on the north Bank of the Tennessee river, my spies are pushed on into the creek country, and on tomorrow I shall move on with such Troops as are now collected here to form a Junction with my advan[c]e leaving a confidential officer, to bring up the Troops now in the rear. My force now organized and in the field is Two thousand, unless detained for the want of supplies. I shall Cross the Tennessee on the 15th. instant, and immediately push on my Troops to the Turkey Town on Coosey river at which point I expect to form a Junction with the advance of Genl Co[c]kes Division. This is my present intended rout, which will be persued unless, my [s]pies should reallize the rumors that has reached me, that they hostile creeks are about to move their families across the Mississippi river on this proving to be true I shall endeavour to interupt and cut them of. This rumor I do not believe to be true other information on which I more rely is that they Hostile creeks are assembled near the Junction of the coose and Tallaposy, and intend to meet me in the open plains called the hickory ground. Should my spies find them in this quarter I shall soon give them a meeting. In the mean time I should be happy to be advised of your position, your strength and intended movements, and at what point in the

